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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The twenty-sixth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 30 April to 18 May 2001. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 30 April 2001 at 10 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the twenty-sixth session. In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

It may be recalled that, in accordance with rule 65 of its rules of procedure and the Committee's decisions, the Secretary-General sends reminders automatically to those States parties whose reports are overdue. By a note to be issued in April 2001, the Secretary-General will transmit to the States parties to human rights treaties, including the Convention, a document outlining their reporting history (HRI/GEN/4/Rev.1) to remind them of their reporting obligations. In addition, the Committee includes information on non-compliance by States parties with their reporting obligations in its annual reports to the States parties and to the General Assembly.

The situation with regard to overdue reports as at 1 February 2001 is as follows:

State party	Date on which the report was due
Initial reports	
Uganda	25 June 1988
Togo	17 December 1988
Guyana	17 June 1989
Guinea	8 November 1990
Somalia	22 February 1991
Estonia	19 November 1992
Yemen	4 December 1992
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1993
Latvia	13 May 1993
Seychelles	3 June 1993
Cape Verde	3 July 1993
Cambodia	13 November 1993
Burundi	19 March 1994
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1994

State party	Date on which the report was due
Initial reports (continued)	
Ethiopia	12 April 1995
Albania	9 June 1995
Chad	9 July 1995
Republic of Moldova	27 December 1996
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 1997
Lithuania	1 March 1997
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 1997
Malawi	10 July 1997
Honduras	3 January 1998
Kenya	22 March 1998
Saudi Arabia	21 October 1998
Bahrain	4 April 1999
Bangladesh	3 November 1999
Niger	3 November 1999
Zambia	5 November 1999
South Africa	8 January 2000
Burkina Faso	2 February 2000
Mali	27 March 2000
Belgium	25 July 2000
Turkmenistan	25 July 2000
Japan	29 July 2000
Mozambique	14 October 2000
Second periodic reports	
Afghanistan	25 June 1992
Belize	25 June 1992
Philippines	25 June 1992
Uganda	25 June 1992
Togo	17 December 1992
Guyana	17 June 1993
Turkey	31 August 1993
Brazil	27 October 1994
Guinea	8 November 1994
Somalia	22 February 1995
Romania	16 January 1996
Nepal	12 June 1996
Yugoslavia	9 October 1996
Estonia	19 November 1996
Yemen	4 December 1996
Jordan	12 December 1996

State party	Date on which the report was due
Second periodic reports (continued)	
Monaco	4 January 1997
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1997
Benin	10 April 1997
Latvia	13 May 1997
Seychelles	3 June 1997
Cape Verde	3 July 1997
Cambodia	13 November 1997
Burundi	19 March 1998
Slovakia	27 May 1998
Slovenia	14 August 1998
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1998
Costa Rica	10 December 1998
Sri Lanka	1 February 1999
Ethiopia	12 April 1999
Albania	9 June 1999
United States of America	19 November 1999
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	11 December 1999
Namibia	27 December 1999
Republic of Korea	7 February 2000
Tajikistan	9 February 2000
Cuba	15 June 2000
Chad	8 July 2000
Republic of Moldova	27 December 2000
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2001
Third periodic reports	
Afghanistan	25 June 1996
Belize	25 June 1996
Bulgaria	25 June 1996
Cameroon	25 June 1996
France	25 June 1996
Philippines	25 June 1996
Senegal	25 June 1996
Uganda	25 June 1996
Uruguay	25 June 1996
Austria	27 August 1996
Togo	17 December 1996
Colombia	6 January 1997
Ecuador	28 April 1997
Guyana	17 June 1997
Turkey	31 August 1997
Tunisia	22 October 1997
Chile	29 October 1997

State party	Date on which the report was due
Third periodic reports (continued)	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 1998
Australia	6 September 1998*
Algeria	11 October 1998
Brazil	27 October 1998
Guinea	8 November 1998
New Zealand	8 January 1999
Somalia	22 February 1999
Malta	12 October 1999
Germany	30 October 1999
Liechtenstein	1 December 1999
Romania	16 January 2000
Nepal	12 June 2000
Cyprus	16 August 2000
Venezuela	27 August 2000
Croatia	7 October 2000
Yugoslavia	9 October 2000
Israel	1 November 2000
Estonia	19 November 2000
Yemen	4 December 2000
Jordan	12 December 2000
Monaco	4 January 2001
Fourth periodic reports	
Afghanistan	25 June 2000
Argentina	25 June 2000
Belarus	25 June 2000
Belize	25 June 2000
Bulgaria	25 June 2000
Cameroon	25 June 2000
Egypt	25 June 2000
France	25 June 2000
Hungary	25 June 2000
Mexico	25 June 2000
Philippines	25 June 2000
Russian Federation	25 June 2000
Senegal	25 June 2000
Switzerland	25 June 2000
Uganda	25 June 2000
Uruguay	25 June 2000
Canada	23 July 2000
Austria	27 August 2000
Panama	22 September 2000
Luxembourg	28 October 2000

* Requested by the Committee for November 2004.

State party	Date on which the report was due
Fourth periodic reports (continued)	
Togo	17 December 2000
Colombia	6 January 2001

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the twenty-sixth session, prepared by the Secretary-General and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tuesday, 1 May 2001		
10.00 a.m.	Georgia: second periodic report	CAT/C/48/Add.1
Wednesday, 2 May 2001		
10.00 a.m.	Greece: third periodic report	CAT/C/39/Add.3
3.00 p.m.	Georgia: replies	
Thursday, 3 May 2001		
10.00 a.m.	Bolivia: initial report	CAT/C/52/Add.1
3.00 p.m.	Greece: replies	
Friday, 4 May 2001		
10.00 a.m.	Slovakia: initial report	CAT/C/24/Add.6
3.00 p.m.	Bolivia: replies	
Monday, 7 May 2001		
10.00 a.m.	Czech Republic: second periodic report	CAT/C/38/Add.1
3.00 p.m.	Georgia: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Slovakia: replies	

Tuesday, 8 May 2001		
10.00 a.m.	Brazil: initial report	CAT/C/9/Add.16
3.00 p.m.	Greece: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Czech Republic: replies	
Wednesday, 9 May 2001		
10.00 a.m.	Kazakhstan: initial report	CAT/C/24/Add.7
3.00 p.m.	Bolivia: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Brazil: replies	
Thursday, 10 May 2001		
10.00 a.m.	Costa Rica: initial report	CAT/C/47/Add.1
3.00 p.m.	Kazakhstan: replies	
Friday, 11 May 2001		
3.00 p.m.	Slovakia: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Costa Rica: replies	
Monday, 14 May 2001		
3.00 p.m.	Czech Republic: conclusions and recommendations	
Tuesday, 15 May 2001		
3.00 p.m.	Brazil: conclusions and recommendations	
Wednesday, 16 May 2001		
3.00 p.m.	Kazakhstan: conclusions and recommendations	
Thursday, 17 May 2001		
3.00 p.m.	Costa Rica: conclusions and recommendations	

5. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 72 and 73 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

6. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 101, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. Future meetings of the Committee

In accordance with rule 2 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally hold two regular sessions each year. Regular sessions of the Committee shall be convened at dates decided by the Committee in consultation with the Secretary-General, taking into account the calendar of conferences as approved by the General Assembly.

As the calendar of meetings held within the framework of the United Nations is submitted by the Secretary-General on a biennial basis for the approval of the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, the Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 2002 and 2003.

8. Action by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Committee against Torture under article 24 of the Convention;*

(b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights.

Under this item, the Committee will have before it the relevant resolutions and/or decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session and the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-seventh session.

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* Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-Fifth Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/55/44).

9. Discussion on the situation of the occupied Palestinian territory in the light of article 16 of the Convention

The Committee at its twenty-fifth session in November 2000 decided to consider this item at its present session.

10. Annual report of the Committee on its activities

In accordance with article 24 of the Convention, the Committee shall submit an annual report on its activities to the States parties and to the General Assembly.

At its second session, the Committee decided to adopt its annual report at the end of its spring session, for appropriate transmission to the General Assembly during the same calendar year. Accordingly, the annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session will include the activities of the Committee at its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions.

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